

# UFO Sighter

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"Information covering sightings of UFO's is of vital importance. The American people are fully capable of understanding these problems."

CONG. JOHN V. LINDSAY,  
Rep., N. Y.



## CONGRESS PHOTOS

Top: Left to right are Bill Witt, Mike Mann, Yonah ibn Aharon, Jim Moseley, Elmer Schutt, and Dave Halperin.

Below: James W. Moseley, Editor of Saucer News, gives keynote speech at 1965 UFO Congress.

Photos courtesy Michael G. Mann.

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## UFO Sighting Here Reported

An Unidentified Flying Object, better known as a UFO, was reported observed in the area early Saturday.

Police were called to the 3900 block of Dixie Hwy. around 4:15 a. m. Saturday by a youth who said he saw the unidentified object in the sky. The boy said it hovered over him for a brief time and "then zipped across the sky," according to Patrolman Robert Gentry.

Patrolman Gentry and Patrolman Charles Hon and Edward Toerner answered the call and talked with the youth, but none of the officers saw anything, except shooting stars, while in the area, Patrolman Gentry said.

Buddy Hubbard, 18, 913 Brough Ave., said he saw the Unidentified Flying Object this morning near the Valley View Nursing Home, 3951 Dixie Hwy.

It moved slowly at first, came back to the vicinity, and moved away very rapidly with a bright glow of light and no noise, he said.

"The cops thought I was crazy, I guess" he said. "But I saw it."

Was it big? Big as a house? "Bigger than any house," he said.

He said he was lying down in the back seat of an automobile, waiting for his mother, Mrs. John (Anna) Hubbard, night employe, to get off work at the nursing home at 7 a.m.

He got out of the car to investigate the bright glow of what he thought was a star and realized it was a big object nearby, he said.

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*'A Planet Three-Quarters Covered With Water Couldn't Possibly Support Life'*

## Many Sighted But Not Reported

# Feild Believes Many UFOs Real Articles

HOPE (AP) — Many Arkansans have reported in recent weeks seeing unidentified flying objects in the skies around the state.

Some of those have likely been ridiculed by friends who say they don't believe in such things.

However, a state representative, Talbot Feild Jr., said Wednesday he believes many of the sighted objects are from outer space.

"I have never seen a UFO," Feild said, "but in my opinion, there's no question but what the UFOs are from some other planet, from outer space."

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"As to how they are directed, or guided, or whether they are occupied or not, that's something I have no knowledge of," he said.

Feild a member of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena said many of those reporting UFOs probably saw a man-made object such as a balloon, a plane or a jet.

being sighted all over the United States, but not reported." He said Air Force investigations have contributed to public reluctance to report UFO sightings because the Air Force has "not encouraged people to freely consider this."

Feild said many Air Force reports lead persons to believe there must not really be anything to the UFOs.

(CREDIT: LUCIUS FARISH)

# UFO is no laughing matter in England

WARMINSTER, ENGLAND—(UPI)—Hardly anyone in this small town in England's west country is taking the matter of the unidentified flying object lightly.

The "thing," as it is called here, has been frightening townspeople for the past eight months. As in most cases of other UFO's around the world, reports about the Warminster "thing" vary.

Some who claim to have seen it say it lights up, emits weird noises and attacks with "savage soundwaves." Others describe it as long, and cigar-shaped and capable of hovering.

The "thing" has been blamed for several strange happenings in this area like killing rodents and pigeons and creating giant thistles out of thin air.

One mother reported that her young daughter was partially paralyzed by sound waves emitted from the "thing."

The dossier is thick with reports. And the Warminster City Council is holding a formal public inquiry into the matter.

"My main object is to reassure people," a councilman said. "If these things are from outer space, then they have never done any harm to anyone so far as is known. We want to get all the facts and clarify the situation."

The first report came in last December when Mrs. John Bye said she was hurled against a wall by "savage soundwaves."

About the same time, Roger Rump, 55, the Warminster postmaster, said he was awakened by loud noises which sounded "like tiles falling off a roof." Rump said his great aunt, who

is partially deaf, also heard the clatter.

Bill Marston, 30, salesman, said he heard "sounds like someone tipping coal against the side of the house."

More noises were reported. Then David Holton, a herb grower, claimed that several pigeons were killed when they flew across the path of the sound waves.

Others said they found dead dormice, riddled with small holes. In Hetesbury, a nearby village, the Rev. Graham Phillips filed a report of a UFO sighting.

Phillips' wife, Patricia, said it was glowing, long and shaped like a cigar. "It appeared to hover for half an hour, then become shorter, as though turning, and disappeared," she said.

The strangest account came from Mrs. Dora May Horlock. She said she saw a glow in the sky "like two red-hot pokers" and a 12-foot high thistle spring up outside her cottage.

Arthur Shuttlewood, a local newsman, has his own theory.

"The thing could well be a secret military development which the army or air force have to keep quiet about," Shuttlewood said.

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## Flaming Object Sighted in Sky

A bright flaming object was reported in the Pueblo sky about 7 p.m. Sunday evening by Dick Ortiz, 1214 Catalpa.

Ortiz said it looked like a large sky rocket and was visible for about five seconds before burning out. The object traveled in a northwestern direction.

Authorities said a bright object also was sighted Sunday evening over the Denver metropolitan area and was in all probability a meteorite.

Capt. John Smith of the space tracking installation at the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs said the object, described variously as "a bright flash," and "a fireball," was a natural object, probably the tail of a meteorite.

Capt. Smith said the space tracking facility did not anticipate evidence of satellite decay in the sky until Wednesday.

PUEBLO, COLORADO  
CHIEFTAIN

## Satellite Seen Over Henderson

A satellite has been seen by Mrs. William Windhaus, who lives on Old Madisonville Road.

She reported seeing a bright moving object last week while traveling through the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina.

Since she has been home she has kept a close watch on cloudless nights, and recently saw possibly the same one here in Henderson, moving across the sky from West to Northwest, at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Last night other observers reported seeing an object move across the sky around 10 p.m.

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**Late Breaking**

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## EDITORIAL: THE WELCOME WAGON

By Allen H. Greenfield

By arrangement with James W. Moseley, Editor of Saucer News (whose picture appears on this issue's cover), Eugene Steinberg, Director of the Aerial Phenomena Investigations Committee, and Timothy Green Beckley, Director of the Inter-planetary News Service, it is expected that the UFO Sighter will acquire a number of new subscribers. The expected influx of new readers will be due to a merger agreement recently made between the above mentioned trio. All names on the INS and APIC lists that are duplicated on the Saucer News list will be sent to us. The tentative arrangements for this were made at the 1965 UFO Congress in Cleveland.

Since the proposal involves several hundred persons, we thought it would be wise to devote some editorial space to a sort of "Literary welcome wagon" to introduce new readers (and refresh the memory of old) to the history, form, and concepts of the UFO Sighter. We are (or we like to think we are) anything but a stereotype UFO magazine, and have over the years worked on developing a refreshing approach to the UFO problem.

We might begin with a short statement of policy. The UFO Sighter is an independent journal of opinion on UFOlogy and the surrounding peripheral subjects such as Fortean Phenomena, etc. We take no definite stand on the subject of UFOs, except to say that we consider this phenomenon to be one of the most significant issues of our age. We try to approach the subject from a rational, scientific, and enlightened view point. At the same time we feel that the scientific establishment has handled this subject with great professional negligence and irresponsibility, and call for a radical change in attitude on their part. We believe in considering so-called "Contact" claims on their individual merit but have yet to find any case which we feel to be proven beyond doubt. While this is our editorial policy, our writers and columnists are free to disagree with the editor's views, and frequently they do.

As to our history, the Sighter was first the publication of the Teen Bureau of Flying Saucers (TBFS), a group organized in 1959. The first actual issue appeared in 1960 under the editorship of Thomas Burke of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1961 the TBFS disbanded. Shortly thereafter, Burke handed over the helm of the Sighter to Allen H. Greenfield of Atlanta, Georgia, who will soon begin his fifth year as editor. Under Mr. Greenfield's editorship, the Sighter became the official publication of the Research Organization of Aerial Phenomena thus divorcing itself from the "Teen UFOlogy movement". In 1963 in a series of successive mergers, the American UFO Committee was organized. As the newly formed group planned to publish its own periodical, the UFO Sighter became, for the first time, an independent UFOlogical journal. It continues today in this format. It has been called variously THE UFO SIGHTER, THE UFO SIGHTER-GAZETTE, THE ROAP BULLETIN, THE UFO SIGHTER-REPORTER, and now once again simply the UFO Sighter.

Perhaps the best way to illustrate your editor's approach to various matters is to quote several relevant passages from past issues. Here is a sampling of our views on this and that:

"...We are not maintaining that every group should have the same policies. What we are distressed by, are the vicious attacks some UFO groups make on others in order to further their own ends...." Volume One, Number Two, Winter, 1962.

"By censoring UFO information, the U.S. Air Force is, without question, wrong on both ethical and political grounds..." Volume One, Number Seven, October, 1962.

"The UFOs have been flying over us for quite some time. They've had ample time to view all aspects of the earth, so something tells me we'll find out whether they're hostile soon....maybe sooner than we think. Volume Two, Number One, January, 1963.

"We've come a long way in UFOlogy, but nevertheless we've got a long, long way to go. Many problems still confront us. It is now clear to us that we must meet these head on. Our goals hang in the balance. If we don't get the cooperation of our members, in all likelihood we will fail. Therefore your editor can only repeat what he has said so often before: It's in YOUR hands. You're calling the shots. What's it going to be?" Volume Two, Number Two, February, 1963.

"We want the public to recognize the extreme importance of the UFOs, and we think that a comprehensive public education program should and must be initiated at the earliest possible date. We are unalterably opposed to scientific and military bureaucracy, and think it is high time something should be done about it. At the same time, if we can keep our readers entertained and intellectually stimulated, we will have nothing short of the highest personal satisfaction..." Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring, 1964.

"...One point I have tried to make is that the UFOlogy movement itself, REGARDLESS of what type of movement it is, cannot expect to solve the UFO enigma itself. ...The answer, at least in my opinion, is that only through a popular movement can we hope to achieve the goals of UFOlogy..." Volume 3, Number 2, Spring-Summer, 1964.

"...When we consider the over-all UFOlogy picture, a sensation of weirdness is always present. Often in our zealously to be scientifically accurate and formal, we lose our imaginativeness and therefore this sense of strangeness which if we were to analyze, IS in fact the heart of the entire matter....." Volume 3, Number 4, Fall, 1964

"...We maintain that censorship and suppression of this vital issue are wrong. We want open, objective investigations of this matter, and we want the AF UFO program investigated by Congress. This is not the opposite of orthodoxy. In a free republic such as ours, this is orthodoxy, and woe be the day when it is unorthodox to advocate freedom..." Volume 4, Number 3, Summer. 1965.

...To be sure, the above quotes are selected ones. Our views on various issues have changed completely over the years, as we feel they should in a fluid field such as UFOlogy. But in any case the above represent pretty much how we feel about things as they stand. Again we wish to reiterate that these views are ours alone and do not necessarily reflect those of our columnists or subscribers.

A summary such as this would not be complete without a comment or two on format. Over the years this has changed somewhat, our goal being some improvement with every issue. We don't always succeed but we keep trying. Since the Spring, 1964 issue we have been publishing under our present general format on a quarterly basis, subscriptions being \$1.00 per year. We are proud to say that since we became an independent periodical, every issue has come out on schedule; sometimes, ahead of schedule. Each issue contains an editorial, a letters section, regular columns, and special articles when appropriate. We emphasize opinion rather than sighting reports, though, as our name implies, we keep watch on the elusive UFOs, too. Though we regard this issue with a degree of seriousness few can equal, we nonetheless try to maintain a measure of good humor in all things.

Your editor has traveled around the country meeting the people in this field, and attempting to gain insight into their views. Over the years I've met such people as James Moseley, Donald Keyhoe, Gene Duplantier and numerous others. I find most to be intelligent, warm-hearted people. I don't agree with what all of them have to say, but with very few exceptions I have gotten along quite well with all of them. I believe deeply in cooperation in UFOlogy. And, although I am quick to say what I think and criticize what I consider wrong, I nonetheless try to keep this spirit of cooperation alive in the UFO Sighter.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, UFO Sighter:

...I found the pictures from the American UFO Congress very interesting and of high quality in the recent UFO Sighter. My only regret was that I was unable to attend. I most thoroughly enjoy reading each quarter's Sighter.....

KATHLEEN THORNTON, C.L.

The Editor, UFO Sighter:

...You mentioned that you think the Glassboro incident is a "Hoax" in your opinion. I thought so too, by reading Moseley's information and the side comment in FATE. However a "Plant" expert for NICAP recently said that it would take about ten men to pull out the noted tree at the UFO site! Also, there still is the matter of the "Radium" at the site, and its rarity. Apparently, the "Established" groups aren't as "Mistake-prone" as the "Egotists" would have us believe.

STEVE ERDMANN

The Editor, UFO Sighter:

...I want to say that I think your publication is one of the finest I have seen in this field. I only wish it were larger, and that it was published more frequently!

Thank you for publishing the recent article by Erdmann and myself, as well as the other articles by Erdmann. I wish to compliment you on your editorial "In Defense of Orthodoxy". As A.H. Lunn has pointed out in his excellent book THE REVOLT AGAINST REASON, every system of truth and correct thought is built upon clear, exact, and true terminology; whereas every system of falsehood and error has been built upon a loose, false, and misleading terminology. One example of this, which Lunn specifically refers to is the case where certain anti-Biblical critics usurped the name of "Rationalists", thereby giving the totally false impression that they were "Rational" whereas those who disagreed (Christians) were "Irrational". This prejudices the case from the beginning, for almost anyone prefers "Rationalism" to "Irrationalism". But this is not the question. The question is, which group really had the "Proof" on their side - which ones were really "Rational"?

Likewise, in UFOlogy, as you pointed out, a certain dogmatic group of scientists (and others) have usurped the title of "Orthodox", and the term "Scientific". Automatically anyone who questions or opposes their view is labelled as "Unscientific", or "Crackpot", or some such term. Science is supposedly a discipline based upon objectivity and openmindedness, unprejudiced observations, etc. Yet we have the ridiculous case of such as Dr. Menzel writing one of the most blindly prejudiced and unscientific books ever written, yet masquerading as a "Scientist" who is out to "Debunk" all those "Unscientific" people who are so gullible as to desire an open investigation of certain phenomena which have been observed by thousands, if not millions, of human beings! Numerous other examples could be listed. I, for one, would like to see more time and space devoted to this question of terminology. It is most vital that this be understood, for anyone who is not familiar with the tricks employed is in serious danger of being prejudiced before he begins to study.....

HUEY P. BEASLEY

The Editor, UFO Sighter:

I think you are doing much to promote the pragmatism of Comella (Kor? Devlin? Keith Roberts? Frank Patton?) and its alleged application to UFOs by publishing

## LETTERS continued

detailed refutations of his views. Assuming for the moment that his writings are presented in a form whereby they will not spark anything remotely resembling enthusiasm on the part of the reader, then why not ignore him and let his theories die of attrition? You and Erdmann are offering him fuel for his fire, for he knows his writings are having some effect, which is quite obviously his purpose. As soon as Comella commences to realize he is not making any impact on the UFO field, he will go away and perhaps attempt to sell his opinions somewhere else.

I question the justification of the phrase, "And it probably ended up as the property of the Air Force..." in Steve Erdmann's otherwise excellent, if wasted, effort. In a so-called objective appraisal, imaginative and totally unsupported conjecture such as this has no place. There is no evidence to prove anything happened to the purported "Physical evidence" that was thrown away, except the reasonable assumption that the garbage man undoubtedly collected it in the general course of his work. And if he were as apathetic about things as the average person, he likely disposed of it also.

The article in the February, 1965 issue of FLYING SAUCERS, to which Mr. Jach takes exception, was not written by an "Unknown" author. It is obvious to any regular reader of the magazine that it was authored by Palmer himself, and he admits as much in the August, 1965 issue, in replying to a letter from one of his readers. Moreover, I should like specifics about those "Half-truths and obvious scientific errors" Mr. Jach speaks about with such nonchalance. A few adjectives do not render one's theories completely invalid, without some corroboration.

The point at issue here is whether or not the experiments RAP describes, utilizing plumb bobs, actually took place, and whether or not the results were as stated. Certainly if the article was accurate in this respect, and the controls on the test were adequate, then we must begin to revise our thinking about the nature of gravity. Of course, if he can refute RAP's arguments beyond question, then by all means (he should) do so! RAP has often said that his methods are a means by which he attempts to discover truth; thus, I cannot see how he would be offended if someone would reply to the questions he posed about gravity and settle this annoying matter once and for all!

EUGENE R. STEINBERG

### STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING LETTERS

All letters to the UFO Sighter must be signed. In certain unusual situations the writer's name may be withheld if especially requested. The Sighter staff reserves the right to edit all letters published, with a view towards keeping the letter faithful to the intellectual intent of the writer, while making it both palatable and intelligible to the readers. The Sighter also reserves the right to print all letters sent to our office, in whole or in part, unless the writer specifically requests that the letter or parts thereof are not to be printed.

Shorter letters on issues specifically related to UFOs and the UFOlogy field are given prime consideration. Letters may be on any subject related to this general topic. Any corrections, retractions, or additions should be sent to our office as soon as possible after publication. We both welcome and encourage all of our readers to speak up in this section of the magazine, as well as to send longer articles if warranted.

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REPLY TO  
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SUBJECT: Sighting of UFO

TO: Allen Greenfield, Director  
American UFO Committee

On the morning of 13, July 1965 while driving along Coast Road in G sector, I sighted a UFO. It appeared to be the size of a half dollar held out at arms length. The night held no fog, but there was a high overcast.

The UFO appeared to be disc shaped, with half disc cabins of lesser size on the bottom and top of the UFO. From smaller domes and portholes there came a soft light, which added to the UFO's own aurea.

The UFO was low on the horizon, and if I had been on the beach, I could probably have seen the underside of the UFO. However being on the road and a distance from the beach, I only saw what I have reported.

I didnot report this sighting through offical channels because of the taxing investigation and paperwork that would have to have been done. Having my enlistment end so near I descided that I would remain quiet. But a fact sheet put out by your organization caught my eye, and I descided to report this sighting to people who would listen and not question my sanity.

Still being in the service, I will have to remain unknown to you. However after I leave the Air Force, I shall if at all possible, give you my name and associated information.

Thank-You for your time.

P.S. While talking to Lockheed and Douglas employees who work the G sector on the midnight to dawn shift, I have found out that many saw a low, fast flying light at approx. the same time that I saw the UFO, which was approx. 0245 hrs.



## SERVOMECHANISMS OF THE MIND AND UFOs:

### Part IV.

#### The Maury Island-Tacoma Mosaic

By: Steve Erdmann

The following is largely drawn from the pages of Ray Palmer's FLYING SAUCERS magazine, and the book by Kenneth Arnold, the early THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS; as these are the only sources which give any kind of detailed account.

Most researchers are familiar with the Maury Island affair. To try and describe it to a new-comer, would do it great injustice. But those who have read accounts of Richard Shaver's "adventures", will quickly get the "feel" of this article, even if they have not read the account. Let us say, this article is directed at old-timers, which anyone can become by purchasing the Palmer edition containing the account.

As previously explained, this serial is occupied with criticism of one Tom Comella, because we are not against UFOs having any connection with parapsychology (for we have mentioned to NICAP and other research groups, a need for a staff of parapsychologists). Rather, Comella's "urge" towards this area seems somewhat supercilious, in effect denying very much or any "physical" connection with UFOs, which is more than a demonstratable fact of sorts, and so necessary that to ignore it would be to inhibit better scientific research into the UFO. Comella relays this thinking again, in his comments of the Maury Island incident (Oct. 1964, F.S.), when he says, "the facts which made that incident true and significant were those which went beyond the physical situation." It is Comella's psychical "pattern of such happenings", which Ray Palmer adheres to also. It was this saucer incident that "proved" to Palmer the awful reality of the UFO. Comella opens to criticisms what logical patterns the conservative researcher finds, usually indicative of an intelligent aerial-operative surveillance, on the grounds that when psychical data pertaining to the history is introduced, the physical pattern no longer is consistent. What Comella fails to prove, or Palmer, in all these years as researchers, is that same consistency of "pattern" for the psychic existence. If ambiguity exists in any proposed physical pattern, it is compounded ten or a hundred fold in the invented patterns of the mystic UFO researcher. We find this extremely evident in ancient records and legends of aerial happenings and intercourse with proposed gods. How this is able to pass the same critical standard Comella views physical patterns, and not encounter the same multiple stipulations, is beyond me! In short, Comella's psychic theory must pass the same empirically critical test he forces upon those who contradict his self-invented theory!

We find this vividly outlined in the Maury Island incident, which Comella and Palmer hale as one of the best examples of their theorized "reality". I say that Maury Island may be "evidence" of one sort or another, but it does not get past the proposed critical test they hand out to others, and in fact, the Maury Island affair can be torn to shreds and regularly "doubted". For example, one can find just as much "proof" in the Maury Island furor for D. L. Davidson's CIA-governmental "psychological warfare" theory (which hales UFOs as items of propaganda, and, of course, physical), instead of the "plain" and "direct" implication it may carry for Comella's psychic reality. With this in mind, let us proceed to analyze the M. affair.

It was Harold Dahl that explained the many terrible insecurities that had befallen him, since his encounter with the UFOs. The UFO mystics implicate this and due to interference from "the psychic realm". Among the things that befell Dahl were nearly loosing his son, his job, his wife, almost lost legs on his job, his boats wouldn't start; they sprung leaks. But there is nothing inherent here that would entitle these happenings to be indicative of unusual psychic possession, rather



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than the tampering of espionage agents or security experts trying to damper Dahl's interest, or, on the other hand, excite it. This former, of course, is quite physical, in the terms we are discussing.

In discribing the incident, Dahl speaks of the time the large disc starting spewing "newspaper-like stuff" out of itself. It was then that the dark lava material started to come, "from everywhere", and they wern't even sure it "was coming from the aircraft but assumed" that it was! This particular episode is somewhat indicative that the fragments could have come "from behind", for example, personages throwing them that way. Again, what "pattern" is indicative in psychic history to make the "direction of the rock lava" more logically a case for it, than, say, agents forearmed and waiting to shower them at the right moment?

Fred L. Crisman, who by all appearances was a large contributor to the "hoax" that was evident in the affair, was not with Dahl on this first sighting. Dr. Davidson could easily make Crisman fit into the governmental "espionage" affair, particularly since Crisman was willing to "help sight the saucers for the second time", and headed directly for that goal. Davidson could say this just as logically as one could say Crisman was "psychically possessed".

Harold Dahl's "man in black" doesn't ring true to a psychic "torment", and the appearance of being an "insurance agent" carries a certain smoothness that doesn't seem to be an absurdity; that in reality this man was "physical". The fact that they ate in a cafe, with the man's consumption of food, would be adequate proof of this. Further, the "man" related in detail the happenings that went on the day before, and quite logically an "agent" who had been familiar with the whole operation would be one who could do this. Since Comella explains that his psychic reality doesn't implant "thoughts", only psychic feeling, it is paradoxical as to how an apparition could carry on such "discourse".

According to Davidson, "reverse-psychology" is one tool the psychological-warfare expert uses regularly. The "man" told Dahl not to mention this incident to anyone, if he cared for the "general security of his family". Of course, the usual wish is that the man is excited enough to talk anyway, and keep the incident hot. This is what Dahl did later. And again, this bit of data shows more logic here for Davidson than for Comella and all his "patterns". On this same point, Dahl himself said that he "didn't put much stock in what this fellow said". Strongly pointing this out, Dahl says, "I didn't have any intention of keeping my experience secret."

Another interesting point on this, is that Crisman was quick enough to get a "whole box full" of the fragments, from the "twenty tons more of it on Maury", while later the fragments were hard to find. Mighty convenient. Fred Crisman dropped a possible clue on the damage the lava had done to the ship, the dents, etc., when he said that it looked "like they had taken a sledge hammer and tried to sink it from the top down." Again, a clue to something genuinely "physical", whether it be "fragment" or "sledge hammer". Crisman also says that he had rushed over to the beach and he "did find 'all' the debris". The word "all" is mighty indicative. It was then when Crisman was searching for "all" the fragments, that a very conveniently timed---suspiciously so---UFO appeared, and Crisman sighted the UFO he preaches.

Later, when telling this episode to Arnold, he "had the feeling as Crisman talked that, solid as he appeared, he definitely wanted to domineer the conversation and trends of thought about the entire Maury Island incident." Again, this is highly indicative of the modulation of an intelligent plant or agent, which has a known physical record of characteristics, as opposed to solely psychic possession, which we know nothing about. On the other hand, Dahl didn't feel like talking much.



Arnold also tells of coincidentally picking up a paper and reading of an incident where an "ash fragment" was recovered from a fall over Boise; possibly from a formation of saucers in that area, and this fragment was sent to a chemical laboratory. The fact that no further mention was made of the result, and that this happened at a most convenient time with the Maury fragments, would put it in suspicion of being (a) a real fragment from a real saucer, or (b) a planned bit of propaganda for the saucer activity at that time. But last and not least, it doesn't seem consistent with Comella's "psychic possession" theory. It reeks of the physical.

Arnold even admits that "there were a number of things about the stories of Crisman and Dahl that didn't quite ring true but at that time it was beyond me to evaluate what I had and what I had heard."

Even Captain Smith could give such credence to the espionage theory, for he was far from not acting suspicious. After interrogating the two for a while, Smithy left with Crisman to leave for Seattle, to cancel his flights for the next day, and to get his automobile and toothbrush. They said they'd be back in a few hours, yet Smithy didn't arrive back till eight o'clock. He suggested they eat somewhere, and drove in his rather expensive "plutocratic" auto, had dinner in a rather "secluded" spot, "that I (Arnold) think Captain Smith knew about for it was strange to me." Later, Smithy became somewhat concerned to see that Arnold was carrying a .32 automatic pistol, and Smithy then proceeded to barter it from Arnold because "it was just the size he would like to carry with him when he flew." (?) Again, how convenient. Dr. Davidson, I am sure would tell you, that a gun is an unpredictable thing to have around, and in an unpredictable espionage attempt, could be quite dangerous. Smithy wanted it out of the way. Later the two joked and talked over possible motives for the suspicious actions of the previous days. Besides hoax, it was suggested "Russian espionage" might be a cause. The fact that this was even brought up, together with everything else, would seem mighty fishy. And again, I wonder "who" brought it up---Smithy?

The two suspected Dahl or Crisman of leaking information out of their room, yet this would seem an impossible task for some of the information. Comella would implicate "psychic telepathy via the psychic realm", while Davidson with his "espionage devices" would be more consistent with the happenings. Some of the things that had leaked out to Ted Morello of United Press were things said when Crisman was not even there. Though they searched for devices and couldn't find any this doesn't necessarily disprove a physical device. If Smithy were in the "know", he could circumnavigate Arnold away from all "areas", and last, those that hide such devices are expert and not usually careless.

Arnold also mentions taking motion pictures of the people involved, yet to date either Palmer nor Arnold re-print frames of these people for publication.

Later, they re-examined the fragments, and "someone" (whose 'someone'?) suggested that when lined up, they could form a hull of a "power tube". And when lined up, they did a remarkable job of resembling a "power tube". These are the same fragments that Crisman secured for the parties in question to examine and also this particular few came from tons of it spewed over miles of the beach. At one time, Palmer indicates the fragments are worthless, then at another time, he speaks of the mysterious appearance and qualities of the fragments, indicating that they have a "heck of a lot of importance". Whatever way you cut it, the physical fragments do play an important part in the affair, and no one can rationalize this away by substituting a "psychic aura" which leaves the fragments incidental. Even as Comella does postulate, if the saucer reality has only a coincidental need for physical demonstrations, I would question the degree of need, and speculate



it is a "great" area, as many physical demonstrations have been encountered in the past history of the UFO. The "white metal" was similar to salvage metal from aircraft though the rivets in it were unusual, yet this material didn't fit the description that Dahl gave them earlier of the "white paper" he saw. Both people thought this metal was fake, yet they could not accept this theory because of Dahl's account of the falling "paper". Yet, these pieces still could be fake, even if jettisoned from some "craft". But again, whether fake or not, note the "aura" of physicalness, and not psychicism. Still, Davidson's theory would be more consistent than Comella's!

Dahl said he had handed the pictures of the saucers over to Crisman. Crisman was unable to locate them in order to hand them over to Arnold. Do you people want to say it, or should I say it? Sure, like a three dollar bill! Further, it was Crisman who was "very enthusiastic about the prospect of Military Intelligence taking over the investigation." Lt. Frank Brown's "caution" of not talking to Arnold directly on the phone could have been for several reasons, one might be that this particular espionage attempt was under a certain restricted security. Comella would have us believe this was all a gross-massive wave of "psychic possession". Sure, there might have been a type of psychic encounter, perhaps, the same as when I "pick up a spoon of food and place it in my mouth" and then "proceed to digestion", yet besides there being something psychic about all this, there is a tremendous amount of physical digestive processes in work, electric stimuli, nerve expansions and contractions, etc.

Later on, in another of their visits with Smithy and Arnold, Crisman and Dahl talked on "lighter subjects". Smithy and Crisman spoke of "airplanes", while Arnold and Dahl spoke on "fishing", both for over an hour. Note the contrast! It is ironic that in the Tocomo incident that has to do with Discs, aircraft, salvage, fragments, etc., that the two more suspicious characters just happen to turn to a topic on "Aircraft". And why is Crisman familiar with "Aircraft"? As for Smithy, later when they ran into Paul Lance in the hotel lobby, Smithy roughly took Lance by the arm and "frisked" him, and asked some tart questions. Smithy wasn't disheartening Lance. If anything, he was forcing Lance into more determination. Why?

It was about the time that Crisman had informed Lt. Brown and Davidson that he would go and get the fragments he had, along with the fact that Arnold and Smithy had given them the detailed account of the previous happenings, when SUDDENLY they weren't interested anymore, and planned to leave immediately. The Palmer implication being that the military men were hypnotized from a "psychic realm" into leaving, indifferently. (I) If this were so, why such a dramatic play on the part of the "psychic hypnotizers", if physical fragments weren't of any importance? And this is what seems to have triggered the suggested hypnotic "indifference"!! (II) Just as logical could be Dr. Davidson's theory, which would suggest that Davidson and Brown were directly or indirectly in plot to guide or aid the espionage along.

In the same view, if the physical fragments were of no importance, why did Crisman substitute the supposed original "worthless" fragments, for still more different and "worthless" fragments? If you recall, Arnold was standing by when the box of fragments was taken to the command car, and he had the opportunity to feel and look at them. To Arnold, "this was the screwiest situation that we had been in," the fragments were different from before. Palmer also tells his readers that at this late date, the "original" fragments he has are turning a "glassy, etc." color and expected chemical changes. The physical fragments not important? You'll not prove it by the mystic UFO researchers' contradictory actions!



Arnold had questioned Crisman as to how he knew Palmer, yet Crisman's answer didn't feel true to Arnold, for at the time that Crisman said he knew Palmer through Venture Press, the magazine in question wasn't even being published. The mystic implication being that Crisman was lying and possibly that he found out about Palmer "via psychic realm telepathy". There are two alternative explanations, (a) Crisman, being part of a military plot, had been given a good history on Palmer from an intelligence report. (b) That Crisman incidentally dropped Palmer's connection in the whole mess. We must suspect everyone, and Palmer would be as likely an aid in the matter as anyone else, consciously or indirectly. And again, these are more or less "physical" connections, per se!

There was also the connection that the original harbor boat was substituted by another boat. Arnold had inspected the claimed damaged boat, yet he saw "nothing like the repairs to damage as described by either Fred Crisman or Dahl." Arnold again took pictures of the boat, yet neither Palmer nor Arnold has made a point to have these printed. For an empirically-critical report, which is a great attempt to 'prove' the psychic realm, such pertinent and necessary data should be made record of and known! The boat they were shown didn't in any way resemble the originally described boat.

Later when Crisman was again questioned about the photos of the UFOs, he gave a raw excuse that they might be in his "mountain cabin", and Arnold thought this stunk! Again, if photos "can't be taken of UFOs", as Comella tells us, why the wrangling and espionage over these original "photos"? Again, this particular episode reeks of a "physicalness" that can't be ignored.

As Smithy and Arnold examined the boat that Crisman presented to them, they were under the impression that the boat was under "repairs", yet not a "bolt or a screw had been turned" on the damaged motor. This, again, prevented the two from "going over to Maury Island to inspect it". And this is what obviously was the reason the boat was used, "it couldn't travel a hundred yards to sea", says Arnold. At the same time, Smithy was quick to want to leave "let's go back up town," says Smithy.

Concerning the crash of the plane, the TOCOMA TIMES quoted Smithy as saying that when the story breaks it will be given a "general release", but would not come from, "that room"; the hotel. This type of statement is peculiar, the words "general release" sounds much like what a military public relations personage would say. And, of course, if this were all propaganda espionage, the military would want to see that the story is distributed through several channels, a "general release". I suppose a general release of this information to the UFO mystics would be a general "psychic impetus"?

Smithy called McChord AFB and talked to someone in intelligence, and told them where to find them if they wanted to talk to the two, yet no one from intelligence had followed up on this.

On August 3, of that time, right after they had breakfast, Smithy told Arnold to lock himself in his room, that he would be gone for about an hour. The logical question to ask is, if Arnold was in danger, so much so that it was necessary for him to lock himself in the hotel room, why was it so much "safer" for Smithy to leave and go walking around? Weren't they "equals" in this drama?

When Major Sanders took Smithy and Arnold out to the Tocomas Smelting Company, Sanders drove right up to a particular pile of slag that closely resembled the slag that was introduced as a hoax. This could be highly indicative. Sanders didn't want the two to reexamine the original fragments he had in his car trunk, as the two had wished to compare the slag with them. This little episode could be clues to the fact that if



the "hoax slag" that was introduced into the affair by Crisman was also a familiarity with the AF, that it would be only logical to deduce that Crisman got his slag from these people! Again, there would have to have been a lot of physical contact, and not the sole work of some psychic apparition.

There are many other areas in the M. affair which we could go into. However, they would be beyond the length of this report. In summary to those who feel hurt because I have used Dr. Davidson's theory by which to compare Comella's theory, let me say that Davidson's thesis is far from flimsy, whether we agree with him or not. Anyone that has the opportunity to write him, knows that he is quite an intelligent scientist, and the facts he uncovered are from study. But in the end, I am not trying to prove Davidson right, as much as showing that the Maury Island affair has failed to pass the same critical test, which Comella uses, in order to prove the M. affair "psychic pattern". It has failed so much so, that Dr. Davidson's theory could just as easily be substituted with more logic! (Incidentally, Mr. Greenfield might find it interesting to have Dr. Davidson write one or two pieces for the SIGHTER).

Likewise, not all parapsychologists---who hale UFOs as apparitions---exclude their "physical counter-part". I don't even believe Palmer does, for why does he go into such detail as to say the original Tocomo fragments "were something quite unknown to metallurgists", and goes on to describe the constituents, and suggests the fragments come from an "aircraft", possibly "spacecraft"? No, Mr. Palmer, you haven't (after all these years) outlined the "mechanism" by which the "transcendental-psychic-realm" plays a greater part in the saucer phenomena than the physical. Then, who is to say which is greater? Furthermore, neither have you, Mr. Comella, yet outlined your "mechanisms" by which this realm derives this type of physical phenomena-hypocrisy!

James Crenshaw, noted parapsychologist, brings forward AN ATOMIC THEORY OF APPARITIONS, in the February, 1963 edition of FATE magazine. There is a strong resemblance between his theory and Comella's, but with one very important stipulation, which would make it more at replica of Meade Layne's thesis of UFOs. This can be best illustrated by related one incident told by Crenshaw in that article. A friend of Crenshaw's, in Philadelphia, encountered a rather strangely acting man, in a lonely city square. The man made a gesture that he wanted his cigarette lit. In the light of the match, the fellow saw this: The other man's face. It was marble-like, and his hair was "artificially fixed in place". After giving the man a light, he turned to leave, only to turn around right away to look at the man, but the man had disappeared---with not enough time to make a disappearance---leaving a "TRAIL OF CIGARETTE SMOKE!" Note the "physical" intercourse between the two realities! Another incident, is concerned with a man who was approached by an old lady, who looked poor, and some "member of some colony". The man gave the lady a Canadian half-dollar, for which she thanked him profusely---THEN DISAPPEARED WITH THE HALF-DOLLAR!! Again, note the physical intercourse, the complete encompassing of the half-dollar into this other realm!

With these bits of pertinent data, many things that happened in ancient history, the Bible, legend, make sense---to apply Comella's "total psychic mechanism" theory to these phenomena, runs contrary to all the data that has been accumulated, and rebels against our acquired knowledge, not because we are bigoted, but because several of Comella's stipulations are "inconsistent"! Furthermore, I don't agree with his blanket denial of saucer "aircraft", not only because such has been observed upon close examination, both sensory and in photography, but because there are good patterns which indicate "craft" (Zamora, etc.), but also there exist available and



good parapsychological theories that don't exclude the "physical intercourse" in the phenomena. Contrary to what Comella thinks, the burden of proof is still on him, and if you can actually "prove" the mechanisms he describes, I'm quite sure Mr. Greenfield would give time in the SIGHTER.

In the next issue of the SIGHTER, I hope to look into an exciting case of "physical evidence", and some of the rationalizations Comella brings forth to disprove it.

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Those wishing to contribute data, may reach me by the address given in a recent SIGHTER, or obtain it from the editor of this zine.

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#### EDITOR'S NOTES ON THIS ISSUE

In many ways this is probably the biggest issue of the UFO Sighter yet, in line with our policy of continual improvement. It is probably the most controversial issue to date also, with contrasting opinions exhibited by Mr. Erdmann and Mr. Steinberg which will in all likelihood create a flurry of discussion among our readers. We certainly hope so, as we feel that these vital topics need to be discussed.

In reading some of the final copy for this issue, however, we did notice several minor mistakes in proof reading which we profoundly regret and will try to avoid in the future. As our veteran readers may well imagine, the preparation of this issue has required an unusually large amount of work for us (but with that same old deadline to meet), and a few errors managed to slip past our staff. For example, in our review of Mr. Vallee's new book, our more careful readers may have noticed that "considerable" was spelled "consireable". We hope none of you will be too "shocked" by this.

One other problem has come to our attention: In the past few issues we have reprinted on our cover several quotes and photos from True Magazine. Our usual policy regarding reprinted material is to simply print it without question giving (needless to say) full credit to the source. However, we recently noticed that True carries a "no reprint without permission" with their copyright statement, so---not wishing to offend anyone or infringe on their rights---we will not reprint True material without asking first. We hope the people at True will forgive our past unintentional error. No, True didn't complain; we just like to be honest.



## THE TRUTH ABOUT NICAP (Part I of II)

By Eugene R. Steinberg

Intolerance is defined as "an unwillingness to let others do and think as they choose."

It is becoming increasingly fashionable of late to issue attacks on NICAP, be they provoked or unprovoked. In recent months, two of the major UFO magazines have been responsible for a total of three articles that have cast aspersions on NICAP's ultimate value to the saucer field. It would seem, therefore, that I am conforming to the trend, and staunch NICAP supporters will accordingly dismiss this report with the same alacrity that they have dismissed the others.

Let me make it quite clear at the outset that this article should not be construed as just another of a growing number of attacks on NICAP. It is true that my views concur to a large extent with those expressed by many of the writers now on record as NICAP opponents; however, what I have endeavored to do is treat the available facts as impartially as I am able. Naturally, the conclusions I shall formulate are my own.

If the leadership of NICAP does implement some of the suggestions I will offer, I have every reason to believe that NICAP will not only vindicate itself in the eyes of many disenchanted UFO researchers, but will earn the respect and admiration they have demanded.

NICAP had its pretentious beginnings in 1956, when it was founded by T. Townsend Brown, a gentleman who proclaimed himself a "physicist" and "biophysicist." Startlingly lavish plans were conceived, which required not only a large and exceptionally capable staff, but a tremendous amount of starting capital to get the impossible venture off the ground. Unfortunately, Brown and his cohorts created a fantastically large salary schedule with the purpose in mind of enlarging their bank accounts, entirely oblivious to the obvious impracticalities of their plans. NICAP was doomed to failure almost before it began.

In January 1957, desperate measures were taken to salvage the rapidly waning organization. Following a vast overhaul of personnel, that world-famous UFO author, Major Donald Keyhoe, formerly associated with NICAP in a purely advisory capacity, was appointed its director. To his everlasting credit, Major Keyhoe did succeed in scaling down the organization's operations to a more realistic level. NICAP was now prepared to commence its work on an active basis as a non-profit scientific research foundation resolved to solving the mystery of the flying saucers.

Lee Munsick, Editor of the popular quality saucer journal, UFO NEWSLETTER, was hired as Associate Editor of NICAP's proposed monthly periodical, THE UFO INVESTIGATOR. Wide press coverage was received, and new memberships poured in by the bagful. NICAP had indeed taken good advantage of the second chance now open to them, and had started off in good stead.

NICAP seemed at first glance an ideal central clearing house for UFO information. Cooperation with other groups was actively solicited in their early publications. To initiate an exchange of material among the various extant saucer clubs with NICAP, the first issue of THE UFO INVESTIGATOR announced that "first run copies...will be sent to them (other organizations) by Airmail." A comprehensive survey was published of the various publications in the field, however strongly they differed in their approach from that of NICAP. All in all, the



prospects for a new and concerted effort to solve the saucer enigma were becoming more encouraging.

Alas, it became painfully obvious that even a skeleton version of the original NICAP would not fare as well as they had hoped. The expensive and beautifully printed 32 page UFO INVESTIGATOR became more and more infrequently issued. Economic considerations forced Lee Munsick to resign from the NICAP staff, compounding their mounting difficulties. With his lamented departure, NICAP began a gradual change in the tenor of their attitude towards rival UFO groups. Even the long-time stalwarts in the saucer publishing field could not secure NICAP's "vital" information without becoming a paid-in-full member.

THE UFO INVESTIGATOR was converted into an 8 page bi-monthly newsletter, which was to be supplemented by periodic 4 page bulletins. The exorbitant membership fee of \$7.50 was reduced to still excessive \$5.00. At this juncture, a sorely needed replacement for Munsick was hired, in the person of Richard Hall, who had been graduated from Tulane University with a major in philosophy and a minor in mathematics.

Hall had become known in the saucer field through his short-lived magazine, SATELLITE, which he had edited during his college days, UFO CRITICAL BULLETIN, of which he was a co-editor, and his occasional articles in SAUCER NEWS and FLYING SAUCERS. From all apparent indications, Hall was the best thing that could have happened to NICAP. His attitude towards the study of UFOs was best exemplified by his letter in the May 1956 issue of Ray Palmer's MYSTIC (predecessor to SEARCH).

Hall said: "I am very interested in other reasoning processes, such as those presented in your magazine. I too have faith in individual reason...I am an inveterate optimist and see a possible golden age for man. A super-constructive age with a tremendous leap in knowledge. I'm looking forward to it, eagerly."

One got the distinct impression that Hall was an extremely intelligent, open-minded, and conscientious researcher, who would be a credit to saucer research. Here was a person who would presumably investigate the UFO evidence impartially, basing his conclusions solely on the facts, without personal prejudice.

This was Hall prior to joining the NICAP staff. Confronted with the immense responsibilities concomitant with his new position as Associate Editor and Secretary of NICAP, and heir apparent to Major Keyhoe, a tremendous change has been observed in his behavior.

NICAP soon had all but ceased plugging other UFO groups, save for sporadic references to APRO and the now-inactive Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York (CSI), neither of whom could be considered to hold views that differed substantially from those of NICAP. A person who was familiar only with NICAP literature would be forced to conclude that these organizations were the only ones that existed. NICAP seemed content to foster this erroneous impression.

Yes, the process of the evolution of their attitude towards rival groups had culminated in a complete reversal of their original policy. Rather than overt cooperation with the competition, NICAP's policy was that of overt hostility, and covert subversion. NICAP fully intended to make an intensive effort to establish itself as the only serious UFO study group.



When the now-infamous Joe Simonton "space pancake" contact broke in various media, Judge Frank W. Carter, a friend of Simonton and a loyal NICAP member, sent to them one of these artifacts for analysis. At this point, NICAP claimed to be on the verge of securing Congressional action on flying saucers, ignoring the fact that they had uttered this fantasy on numerous occasions in the past without any tangible result. Be that as it may, they maintained that this was the only method by which they could secure widespread recognition of the (to them) certainty that UFOs represented controlled vehicles of extraterrestrial origin. One wondered how and when this supposedly scientific research organization had become another in a long list of lobbyists.

Two alternative results may be expected from such hearings, should they occur. NICAP might conceivably establish a conclusive case for the reality of UFOs, and the facts would finally break out into the open. Conversely, NICAP might be unable to withstand the intensive onslaught of the lordly Air Force and its contingent of famous scientists. UFOs would be buried deeper than ever, with little chance for resurrection.

Even NICAP grudgingly conceded that their evidence, if one could call it that, was purely circumstantial. The only possible outcome of Congressional hearings would be a positive determination that no one could prove anything and more harm would result that we would care to contemplate. I have no doubt but that the unerring course NICAP has charted for itself can only be suicidal.

With this in mind, one might have expected some reluctance on the part of NICAP to get involved with the contactee claims which they so despised; but Hall was not only reluctant but personally offended that Judge Carter had singled out NICAP for the dubious honor of analyzing a piece of potential "physical evidence," despite the fact that they were the one agency one would logically choose to be the recipient of such an artifact. NICAP was so intent on regarding the "pancake's" origin as "cloudy" that they neglected to consider the very pertinent fact that, if tests had confirmed its alleged extraterrestrial origin, their coveted hearings would come one step closer to actuality. In addition, their position could only be strengthened substantially.

Yet despite these considerations, Judge Carter was not granted even the courtesy of an acknowledgement that NICAP had, in fact, received the "pancake." He was understandably worried over whether or not they were going to fulfill their moral obligations to the public and analyze it, so he wrote a letter of inquiry about the situation.

To his consternation, Hall said, "we did receive the 'cake', much to our surprise, without any advance notice that you had announced this to the press.

"In effect, it seems you expected that we would accept Mr. Simonton's story at face value and be willing to link ourselves publicly with it.

"We are engaged in very important liaison work with Congress which may well lead to hearings on UFOs, and we do not propose to compromise this work for the sake of an unproven, and you must admit, fantastic sounding claim. Accordingly, we do not wish to have any further publicity in connection with this claim unless strong supporting evidence is forthcoming."

NICAP obviously feared for the preservation of their public-image. From the tenor of Hall's letter one had no alternative but to conclude that NICAP was issuing a direct refusal to even touch the "pancake". Hall's reasoning, moreover, was completely illogical! Carter had never asked NICAP to "accept Mr. Simonton's story at face value". The "strong supporting evidence" that he had



so superciliously demanded had already been received in the form of the "pancake". If Hall had bothered to spend as much time availing himself of the facts as he did writing gratuitous denunciations, he would have realized his position was untenable. Furthermore, he had now disqualified himself completely as a scientific investigator of UFOs. The use of such terminology as "fantastic sounding claim" is a judgement based solely on personal opinion, and is alien to the scientific method. Hall had a deep-rooted skepticism and contempt for all contactees, and he was not averse to admitting it.

Oddly enough, Hall's emotional denials to the contrary, NICAP did arrange for an analysis of the "pancake". After various problems had been overcome, the artifact found its way into the very capable hands of Alexander D. Mebane, a Vice-President of CSI, and a chemist. Mebane performed as extensive an analysis as funds permitted. The results were only superficially discussed in NICAP's publications, because Hall had definite misgivings over NICAP choosing to get involved with the Simonton affair at all.

But if Hall is only an underling of Major Keyhoe, what right does he have to so drastically misrepresent the views of NICAP? Major Keyhoe would surely oppose such a maneuver vigorously, wouldn't he?

Unfortunately, Major Keyhoe was no longer the guiding light behind NICAP. If you peruse recent NICAP publications, you will find that Hall has had the audacity to list himself as "Acting Director" of NICAP. Major Keyhoe has been relegated to the status of a titular head, with little real power to control NICAP's destiny. It is Hall who actually runs the office, and formulates and implements policy. In truth, Hall is NICAP, pure and simple.

Richard Hall, once a fair-minded, objective investigator, with a "faith in individual reason," was now as dogmatic and intolerant as the very UFO critics he so decried. Only Hall's approach to the UFO problem was the correct one, and those who dared to defy his will were declared "persona non-grata". Accordingly, he would use every means at his disposal to cast discredit upon their competence and integrity as UFO investigators, if they refused to return to the NICAP fold.

(To be concluded next issue.)

#### A PREDICTION

From Eugene R Steinberg

The following was written on September 14, 1965:

In a forthcoming issue of SAUCER NEWS, Tom Comella is expected to make certain disclosures concerning his famous (or infamous) pseudonym of Peter Kor.

I predict that he will reveal that there is considerably more involved to his assumption of his various pennames than we have been led to believe. Ray Palmer, Editor of FLYING SAUCERS and SEARCH, will figure to be a prominent factor in this affair.



## CHRISTIANITY AND THE UFO

### PART I.

By Huey P. Beasley

Many might ask, upon reading the subject of this article, whether there can indeed be any connection between the Christian religion and the study and solution of the UFO mystery. I maintain that there is. Not that Christianity itself provides a solution to the mystery, but rather that certain facts are available from the study of Christianity, which must be considered when attempting to arrive at the solution to the mystery. Some of these facts are relevant, and must be kept in mind in much the same way that we keep in mind what we know of the facts of history, physics, mathematics, astronomy, etc. Some of the facts of Christianity are held in common by certain other religions, especially Judaism.

Few indeed, would have much confidence in the words of a purported "Spaceman" who would deny that the Roman Empire ever existed. Likewise, we can have no confidence in those who deny that God exists, or that such a person as Jesus Christ ever lived. This supposedly has been done on at least one occasion, by the beings who contacted Al Bender. Other "Contactees" have reported "Messages" almost equally ridiculous. The above mentioned case, is an example of what we mean by keeping in mind the facts of Christianity, when studying the UFO mystery.

What are some of the facts we learn in the study of Christianity? And by this we mean primarily the study of the Bible (Old and New Testaments), and of as much secular history as can shed light on the Characters and events mentioned in the Bible. First, of course, we learn that there is a Supreme Being, a Creator, who Created the Universe and all things therein. We find that this Being (God) has given to man-kind a revelation of His Will and of Himself, in the Bible. This Bible reveals that almost all life was cataclysmically destroyed from the earth at least once, and almost certainly at least twice. We find that a man named Jesus, called the Christ, lived almost 2000 years ago on the earth, that he was crucified under the jurisdiction of Pontius Pilate, and that three days later his tomb, though sealed and guarded, was found to be empty, and that no one could satisfactorily explain what had happened, except his disciples, who said that He had risen from the dead and that He had appeared to them (over 500 at one time, in one case). We find that there is to be a future life, a resurrection from the dead, and that this same Jesus promised to return as King of Kings, to rule, and to judge all people who ever lived. Of course, we also find that He died on the Cross for all men, to save them.

Certainly some of these facts, and perhaps others, as we go along, may be very pertinent to the UFO question.

We are not asking anyone to accept, on blind faith, devoid of any evidence, these statements. We hope, as this series progresses, to touch at least briefly on some of the arguments and evidences for and against the Bible and Christianity, and possible conflicts with theories of science, etc. Then we hope to point out more specifically how this information can be a valuable tool in evaluating various theories about the UFO, various contactee claims, etc. But let it be kept in mind, that we do not propose to offer here any definite solution to the mystery. We only wish to point out facts which can be a great aid in our thinking and in our search for truth.

### ANATOMY OF A SCIENTIST a look at Jacques Vallee By Allen Greenfield

The latest major contribution to the expanding UFO literature in ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON by Jacques Vallee (Henry Regnery Co. Chicago, 1965). It is a complex work deserving considerable thought; perhaps a complete critical essay. For the present, however, this review should serve to give the reader some idea of what ANATOMY is all about.



## ANATOMY OF A SCIENTIST Continued

I was 128 pages into this 209 page work when I began this review. At that point I still had not really decided how to approach it. There are good points, and there are bad points. Vallee attempts to survey the entire UFO picture, and does a remarkable job. Were we to give a brief summation of this book we might simply say "At last"! and "Alas"!

At last! A UFO book that one can really sink his teeth into. Here, for the first time, we see constructive suggestions that can be acted upon both by private and official investigators. At last, a book that doesn't jump to all sorts of unwarranted conclusions about UFOs. At last, a book that puts dogmatic scientists in their place, and does so with rare wit and courage.

But, alas! Vallee is, after all, a scientist himself, and ultimately falls into the very "Harvard Syndrome" he finds so deplorable in others. He also attempts and fails (in my mind) to demonstrate any kind of correlation between modern UFO reports and ancient and/or medieval descriptions of things seen in the sky. He also may be guilty of exaggerating the importance of UFO occurrences in France.

But the only real quarrel I make with this book is his description of private UFO researchers. The real meat of the book runs from page 112 through 128, this being a chapter entitled "Flying Saucers and Human Reason". I've been waiting a long time for somebody to tell this side of the UFO story, and was somewhat disappointed in Vallee's attempt. He quite accurately points out that the modern scientific community's reaction to the UFO phenomena "Has never been anything but emotional." (P. 112) "Emotional" is the key word here. On the following page (113), he elaborates thusly: "The UFO problem lies well within the capability of modern research. But official attention is denied it for purely emotional reasons that have nothing to do with science."

He becomes, however, suddenly unfair when he gets around to looking into private UFO research. In some cases he is simply wrong, while in others he falls victim to that old pitfall strangely reminiscent of the classic story of a member of an ethnic minority who denies his origins in order to assimilate into the general community. He seems to condemn private UFOlogy in toto (Flying Saucer Review and a few others being excepted) in order to ingratiate himself with his presumably "Outside" readership. Not only is this tactic in poor taste, but it fails to work as well. Witness Daniel Cohen's review in Science Digest. Vallee is a UFOlogist who insists on putting the word "UFOlogist" in quotes.

His criticism of American groups is leveled primarily at NICAP and APRO. Vallee is correct in his analysis of NICAP's UFO Evidence, in stating (p. 117) "...this activity obviously misses the point...." but he misses the point altogether about UFO publicists who are intent on bringing this matter to public attention. He doesn't seem to understand a good portion of American UFOlogists, and is most superficial in his description of UFO-logical metaphysicians (pp. 126-128), and fails to identify Rabbi Y.N. ibn Aharon's key relationship to the extraterrestrialist theory. (pp. 165-170)

The book, from a literary point of view, is quite consistently readable, though we have some reservations about the somewhat cumbersome system of footnotes. From a scientific standpoint this is THE definitive book on UFOlogy, and should become an indispensable addition to the serious researcher's bookshelf. All-in-all, a most enjoyable book. Highly recommended.



## NICAP, The Space-Pan-Cakes, Perplexities

By: Steve Erdmann

"Never trust a suspicious person...." Dean A. Grennell.

On April 18th, 1961, Joseph Simonton was handed three small "Pancakes" off a space-craft grill. Due to the likely elements in the account, some saw a way to the truth. Due to similarities to every day occurrences, others paraded this happening as factual. Others didn't want to pass up a "Possible" thing. Still others invisioned the whole "Cult" of the contactee to be saved by the singular substanciation of this incident. Most saw the way through a chemical analysis of the purported "Pancakes".

Consequently, instead of sending these bits of matter to anyone of the numerous UFO organizations, Judge Frank W. Carter sent them to Keyhoe's NICAP. His actions were not representative of anything misleading. Judge Carter had faith in NICAP. Judge Carter felt NICAP of more than slight importance. However, Judge Carter had "Personally" been involved with the Simonton sighting, and his "Interest" --- his "Conviction" --- would soon turn to "Perplexity", when NICAP's duties didn't give them the time to give the Judge the full attention that he "Personally" felt it should have.

Paul Foght wrote an account of the incident in the August, 1961 issue of FATE magazine, without the added implications that were soon to follow after NICAP. In fact, the only statement was a casual remark as to the fact that NICAP had run into some difficulty. But such casualness ended abruptly, and "Human complication" turned into "Sinister conspiracy". The June, 1961 issue of Moseley's SAUCER NEWS carried a blistering attack against a "Continued" speech in regard to NICAP's "Violent anti-contactee attitude" (in no less "Violent" terms, himself). Ray Palmer followed same with a "Men-in-black" editorial in the September, 1961 issue of FLYING SAUCERS. If any "New-comer" to the UFO picture were to step in at that time, he would have surely felt that he had just stepped in in time, to see the ufologist-tigers devour each other.

Moseley, with the earliest published remarks (June), had this to say, in part: "By the time you read these lines, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) will probably have folded up." And it would have been none too soon, for this has been the 99th time that Moseley has made this prognostication. A bit of wishful thinking! First of all, Moseley wanted to be quick to point out that it wouldn't be because "Of any insidious Air Force plot". With this out of the way, Moseley goes on to state that it would be because of their, 1) "Violent anti-contactee attitude", 2) Late bulletins, 3) staff "Heavily laden with military men", 4) Keyhoe's "Inability" to prove that UFOs come from space (Not to mention of course, Moseley's "Dislike" to prove his own belief that they come from space---or, any of his beliefs, for that matter). In a different issue of S.N., Moseley adds the stipulation, that "The non-selling of contactee books" by Keyhoe is another reason. Most of the "Reasons" deck of suspicion.

Concerning the pan-cakes directly, Moseley informs us that Keyhoe "Refused to analyze" the pan-cakes, proving that NICAP "Is not an unbiased research group". The Moseley Editorial ended with a plug for his own magazine.

Ray Palmer, in his September, 1961 critique, has this to say: "...his (Keyhoe) aversion to 'dirty his shirts' with the so-called 'contactee' type of flying saucer report no longer seems to us to be specialization...." And much like the Judge, Palmer shows that it is because "His own" theories arn't the accepted ones, his own statements arn't the most noticed. Page 4-5, HE (Palmer) "Had high hopes that he would make effective use of the large amount of legitimate evidence..." that Keyhoe has. In fact, Palmer has avowed that he has enough knowledge about the saucers, that if he were to reveal it, it would make us "Pack our bags, and head for the hills." First, we must ask, why should a person, with



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"Full knowledge" of the UFO origin, have "High hopes" in an inferior "Bigot"? What would keep Palmer from making his own T.V. Broadcast (or radio interview), and telling the ignorant public of the true origin? Is it not the "Plain facts", that would lay the problem bare? And, is it not the supposed "Inability" of Keyhoe to do same? Yet, neither has Palmer, ergo, we can only suspect that his "Type" of "Facts" aren't "Seeable" or "Presentable" ----which is facsimile to "Not having the facts". And this is what the situation is, most certainly, with talk about "Mystical 'facts'" (Palmer) and "THE SECRET" (Tom-Kor-Comella)! And this, also, flows out of the space-pan-cake incident.

"These men (NICAP staff) have only one niche into which they can fit: IF THERE IS A REASON FOR SECRECY, then there MUST BE SECRECY!", says Mr. Palmer. "...for what else does a military man know but making war?" (It would seem that Palmer has that changed around) "Major Keyhoe does not want the flying saucers proved....And Major Keyhoe is in Business!" (It would seem that Palmer has that changed around again) "We can state with emphasis now, and stick to our opinion with confidence, that Keyhoe is STRICTLY the SILENCE GROUP he so decries." (Not when Palmer HAS proof that would send us "Packing to the hills"! ) It isn't hard to see what was running through the mind of Palmer. This whole case of the pan-cakes seem to be intrinsically interwoven with his own "Mysticism", by way of the Shaver mystery, Oahspe (The Palmer Holy Book), etc. Among other things, one or two further interesting points may be brought out to illustrate this. In the November, 1961 issue, Palmer makes the avowment that "When did we (Palmer) ever say we were investigators?" Palmer's "System" is based on the ultra-modern conception of colliding, avalanching "Free-thought". The only system, is the fact that there is "No system". The "Military" seemed to be locked up in some ultra-conspiracy of mysticism.

One thing Palmer's letters to Keyhoe (those published in the UFO INVESTIGATOR) pointed out, was that there WAS another side to the story! Up till this point, everyone avoided NICAP like the plague, and I even had visions of "Dero" walking the floor of NICAP headquarters, laughing heinously, while filing away vital information. Yet, the other-side can easily be seen by any individual who has the opportunity to talk with Keyhoe himself.

However, two very stentorian facts surrounded the pan-cakes closely. 1) "He obviously won't investigate anything that MIGHT conceivably result in a positive result for a contactee." (Palmer) 2) "The FACT is, NICAP ignored both pancake and Judge Carter until he became annoyingly insistent." If NICAP was indicative of some "Psychic conspiracy" from a "Nether world", it would be consistent to that "Conspiracy". If that conspiracy was to "Pick apples", it wouldn't turn around and "Try to keep apples on the trees". Neither would such an "Inconsistency" happen if they were part of a mundane military espionage. If it were part of a plot to "Instigate" the "Dental" of the reality of UFOs by "Spot-lighting" questionable and flashy "Contactee" claims (as per the theory of Davidson), they wouldn't turn around and "Instigate" the "Proof" of UFOs by denying conservative and concrete "Evidence"! Yet, this has happened! Silently, secretly, the very thing that NICAP was accused of in that incident---happened again, and this time, NO ONE SPOKE A WORD, for the very opposite took place!

We are all familiar with the Zamora sighting of April 24th, in Socorro, New Mexico. The July-August, 1964 issue of THE UFO INVESTIGATOR, on this matter, has this to say:

"NICAP-Member Stanford was in Socorro while Dr. Hynek was investigating and was with him at the landing scene. There, Stanford took detailed measurements of the reconstructed markings, photographed the area and took the metal scrapings, supposedly from the UFOs landing gear. He sent extensive written and taped reports to NICAP Headquarters, which have been incorporated in this article." Before this, NICAP mentions that Stanford mentions that Stanford was "Authorized to investigate this case."

For those who believe that NICAP would in no way be involved with "Contactees", the following must be made known. Ray Stanford and his brother Rex, were the authors of a



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privately published book entitled "Look-up". The book centered around the regular Contactee theme: the benevolent space beings and communication. This in no way is proof that NICAP was aware that they hired a "Contactee" to do this investigation, or, if they were aware, they did it in no-way to substantiate the contactee "Cult". However, the egotistical "NICAP-mystizers" in no time jumped on this opportunity (in private correspondence, of course.) to try and illustrate another NICAP "Conspiracy" or "Mistake". What they didn't notice, was the inherent "Contridiction" involved. Where, at one time, they pompously criticized the supposed "Anti-contactee" attitude, they were quick to try to illustrate the opposite, in the next breath, "That a contactee was associated with NICAP". Such inconsistency is revealing in the personalities of the NICAP- "Mysticizers".

But this adventure does not stop here, for---almost as if by "Fate"---the Stanford incident contains another "Inconsistency" to the "Mysticizers". Stanford picked up some "Material", which looked as if it were fragments of metal from Socorro "Aircraft". NICAP reported---ahead of time---that the fragments were received AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ANALYZED AND REPORTED. In the September, October, 1964 issue of THE UFO INVESTIGATOR, NICAP devotes a whole column to the Socorro analysis. The column told, with some apparent disappointment, "The shiny material found on a rock adjacent to one of the imprints left at the Socorro, N.M. landing site has been identified as Silica, according to a report from a top Washington laboratory." The report went on to quote from the analysis, itself. None of these recent happenings fall into any of the remarks that Moseley and Palmer made concerning the last incident. Neither, did they devote Editorials and pages upon pages pointing out these new facts, which contridict and are diametrically situated to the Simonton hub-bub.

This author has pointed out, in the past, the fact that these rote critizers "Live off the mistakes of others" at the most. And at the least, point out the "Mistakes" of others (in over-stated ways), while using the "Psychological gimmick" of hiding their own. And all this is forgotten and over-looked in a steady succession of flying words. Without a doubt, though mistakes lie on both sides, the "Premise" that the "Egotist" use, as an excuse for expose's, cannot justify many of their actions and statements, especially when they prove to be "Inaccurate".

Some will ask, why it was necessary to bring the subject of the pan-cakes and NICAP up at this late date. For the following two reasons: 1) The subject of 'physical evidence', and the issues that revolve around it are still very important. There is no real "Time limit" on it, for the Civilians have yet to capture their first crashed saucer. 2) The UFO mystery has to do with the progressing and building of the "Investigating procedure" and this is still hidden in a compounded matrix of confusing UFO "Personalities" ....and is seen, as in the case this article presents. For the most part, the actions of the "Egotists" (which, by the way, claim not to be egotists) are predictable. At least they have been so far, and I can only hope they will "Change". We will all enjoy the benefits of that.

One thing is suggested, and that is a "Better office of communication"; an office set up specifically for handling such intrinsic and complicated affairs of communication in UFOlogy, between both, the "Big" and "Small" in UFOdom. This, instead of the round-about, slanted-wording, and privately motivated involvement and confusion----and lack of understanding.

And last, but not least, we are told that NICAP was investigating the "Pan-cakes" in private, through channels that were comparatively void of confusion and publicity, so as to not detract from their other projects, and the results WERE disclosed ANYWAY!

## PRESS TIME NOTES AND NEWS BRIEFS

Anyone in the Atlanta area (or elsewhere in Georgia) interested in joining a local-based UFO group holding monthly meetings under the auspices of the American UFO Committee



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should contact immediately the Editor of the UFO Sighter, Mr. Allen H. Greenfield, 2875 Sequoyah Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30327. Call Monday-Thursday evenings after 9:00 PM at 355-8206 in Atlanta.

Mr. Steve Diehl has announced that his CB Radio/UFO spotting network has been discontinued due to lack of support. However, plans may again be brought up at the next Congress of Scientific UFOlogists in Cleveland.

Raymond A. Palmer, editor of FLYING SAUCERS, SEARCH, and SPACE WORLD, has announced the forthcoming publication of a bi-weekly magazine, to be known as RAY PALMER'S FORUM. 26 issues will be available for \$6.50. Other prices: 4 issues, \$1.00; 8 issues \$2.00; 16 issues \$4.00. We understand the format will be a sort of "Dialogue" between the editor and the readers. All persons interested may write: Ray Palmer, Rt. 2, Box 36, Amherst, Wisconsin 54406.

Several major changes are currently taking place in the UFO field. As mentioned in our editorial, both the INS Report and the APIC Reporter have been bought out by James Moseley's Saucer News, P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey. SN now constitutes one of UFOlogy's largest and most long established publications. Also in for a change is Controversial Phenomena Bulletin, which we understand will shortly be renamed Probe. Soon off the press will be UFOlogy: an informal survey by UFO Sighter editor Allen H. Greenfield. UFOlogy will be published by Rick R. Hilberg's UFO Magazine Publications of Cleveland, Ohio.